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Syria holds firm on its Golan demands

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

THE Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff yesterday opened three days of talks here, with Damascus holding out for mutual security arrangements on the Golan Heights.

An Israeli official said there was "no change" in the security demands presented by Syrian Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmat Shihabi from when he met with then-chief of staff Ehud Barak here in December.

But Israel was "definitely not" disappointed to hear those reiterations, the official stated.

As of last night, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, was presenting Israel's security positions. The two sides were then due to enter into formal discussions.

Shahak proposed establishing two Syrian early-warning stations in the Golan Heights in exchange for a similar Israeli station on Mt. Hermon, Channel 2 reported.

News leaked early yesterday that the talks were being conducted at a Washington army base, Fort Lesley J. McNair, thus scuttling American efforts to hide the location of the meetings.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher opened the proceedings, joined by US peace team coordinator Dennis Ross, the National Security Council's Middle East official Mark Parriss, and Gen. Daniel Christman.

The two sides are likely to decide today whether to appear before the press when President Clinton hosts the parties at the White House tomorrow, an official said.



Beit Horon settlers put up barbed wire yesterday to enclose land claimed by Palestinians from a nearby village, as settlement activists intensified their campaign to scuttle IDF redeployment in the territories. Story, Page 2. (Brian Hendler)

Qatar's crown prince deposes father in bloodless coup

Emir vows to return, 'whatever the cost'

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - Qatar's crown prince, for years the real power in the wealthy Gulf emirate, acted quickly and unexpectedly yesterday to depose his father, who was at a hotel in Geneva.

The dethroning was largely a formality, since Prince Hamad Bin Khalifa Thani had effectively run the country. But Qatar sealed its 60-km. border with Saudi Arabia and placed two border brigades on alert as a precaution, diplomats said.

The deposed emir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Thani, 65, called the coup unacceptable and said from Geneva's expensive Hotel du Rhone that he would return to his country "whatever the cost."

"I am still their legitimate emir whether it be for the royal family, the people or for the army," he said. State media proclaimed the peaceful takeover and referred to the son, a long-time defense minister, as "the new emir."

Later, Sheikh Hamad told an emergency cabinet session that the ouster was necessitated by the nation's "difficult circumstances," about which he did not elaborate. The conditions "led me forcefully and with all regret to make up my mind... and assume the rule of the country as successor to my father who will remain the cherished father of all," he said.

He indicated the coup would bring no major shift in policy. Qatar's new interior and foreign ministers were quickly sent to Saudi Arabia for a meeting with King Fahd.

Meanwhile, Oman, an important ally, and Jordan both sent messages to the new emir that amounted to recognition.

Arab diplomats said the father and his 45-year-old son fell out over how strong a stance Qatar should take in long-running territorial disputes with neighboring

Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Leadership changes are rare in the Gulf, ruled almost exclusively by royal families which have used a mix of clout, oil revenues and repression to stay in power for decades.

But it was the second political shake-up in a week. Bahrain's cabinet was reshuffled Monday for the first time in 20 years. In both cases, the ruling clique stayed in place.

Life on the streets of Doha, capital of this barren sandy peninsula jutting off the coast of Saudi Arabia, appeared normal. Residents learned about the coup on television, and offices and shops were open for business.

The coup follows a history of struggles within the ruling family, going back to its days as a British protectorate before 1971. The deposed emir seized power from his cousin Ahmed in 1972.

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Soldier wounded in S. Lebanon roadside bomb attack

DAVID RUDGE

AN IDF soldier was moderately wounded in a Hizbullah roadside bomb attack in the eastern sector of the security zone yesterday.

The army spokesman said troops were on operational duties in the region, near Huleh village, when an explosive device was detonated nearby.

The wounded soldier was evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Hizbullah, in a statement claiming responsibility for the attack, said it had detonated two roadside bombs alongside an IDF infantry patrol.

It was the first incident in the zone since heavy fighting in the area last Friday, following Hizbullah Katyusha rocket attacks on the Western Galilee, in which one person was killed and eight others wounded.

The latest attack also coincided with the start of the Israel-Syria security talks in Washington.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah was quoted in Lebanese newspapers yesterday as saying that the organization would continue its operations despite the talks.

"I don't believe that an Israel-Syria agreement will ever see the light of day and therefore our struggle and suicide operations will continue," Nasrallah was quoted as saying.

Nevertheless, he stressed that Hizbullah only fired Katyusha rockets at Israeli settlements "in order to protect Lebanese civilians."

Israel-PLO pact likely to be signed in Washington

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AN interim Israel-PLO agreement on IDF redeployment and Palestinian elections is likely to be signed in Washington at the behest of US, at a ceremony that could include Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein, and perhaps Morocco's King Hassan. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

Informed Israeli sources said the US is pressing to host an event that would bring together President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Mubarak and Hussein, and a variety of other Arab leaders who have made peace overtures towards Israel.

They believe that holding the ceremony in the US would provide a political boost to the Clinton administration, which has been beset with foreign policy problems. It would also be a gesture acknowledging Clinton's support of the peace process.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances, the signing will be in Washington," for a variety of reasons, another Israeli source said. Two other sources also said they expected the ceremony to be held in Washington.

Egypt had offered to host the ceremony, but it appears Egypt will yield to a US invitation.

Officials in Jerusalem hope a deal, if not wrapped up by July 1 would be completed a few days later. It is believed that a prelude to any agreement will be a summit between Rabin and Arafat, although no such meeting has yet been announced.

The Clinton administration has avoided involvement in the substance of the Israel-Palestinian negotiations, believing the parties must work out their own problems.

Reports yesterday said the talks, now in their final stages, might be moved to Washington before the ceremony. However, Israeli sources dismissed this, saying that at most one issue might be left to resolve in Washington, but if so, only in deference to the US.

At the same time, there seems to be a belief that a ceremony in Washington could also bolster

Arafat's standing within the Palestinian community. The PLO leader, who will be running in Palestinian elections this fall, has not been invited to the White House since the signing of the Oslo accords in September, 1993.

A Washington signing ceremony would also remind Congress of the importance of the Middle East peace process. There has been opposition in Congress to extending the \$100 million in aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Last night, Cong. Jim Saxton (Republican-New Jersey) was planning to offer an amendment to the House foreign aid bill to cut off all US funding to the P.A. Congress has also had a rough time providing a \$275 million debt write-off to Jordan.

"Congress is out of touch with the importance of the peace process, due to the unremitting efforts of the Israeli opposition to undermine it. In that context, bringing the peace process to Washington is a good idea," said Jonathan Jacoby, executive director of the Labor-affiliated, New York-based Israel Policy Forum.

The ceremony would also give Israel an opportunity to mend ties with congressional Republicans who have also apparently felt offended by Rabin, who thinks they are not providing "peace dividends" to Arabs that make peace with Israel. Republican members were infuriated when Rabin termed their actions "isolationist."

Angry Republicans point out that they plan to leave the \$3 billion annual aid to Israel intact during the upcoming coming fiscal year, which begins in October. They also think they should be warmly embraced by the Rabin government for pushing to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem.

However, the premier has been muted on this issue, fearing to embarrass the Clinton administration, which has said such a move would derail the peace process.

Rabin apparently fears the Republicans are out to score partisan advantage at Clinton's expense, and therefore has sought to take a very low profile on the Jerusalem embassy issue.

Another opportunity to mend the frayed ties with the Republicans may occur in the middle of August, when 29 Republican congressmen are scheduled to visit here.

US House to debate bill monitoring PLO

A BILL to tighten PLO compliance with its commitments to Israel was due to be introduced in the House late last night.

Representative Eliot Engel (D-NY) was to submit the legislation, which is co-sponsored by Rep. James Saxton (R-NJ).

The Engel bill would update the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA) - the law that allows certain US contacts with the PLO - by incorporating the PLO's security-related commitments to Israel under the Cairo agreement. MEPFA is due to expire on Friday.

The Engel bill would require the US to formally ask the PLO whether it is turning over security suspects to Israeli authorities as required, and to certify the transfers are occurring. Hillel Kuttler

Netanyahu gives details of 'concessions' to Syria

DAVID RUDGE

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday claimed to have information that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had made concessions to Syria on Israel's stance regarding security arrangements in key areas.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement denying Netanyahu's claim.

The statement blasted Netanyahu's "empty" assertion that he was familiar with the instructions that were provided by the premier to Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who is meeting with his Syrian counterpart in Washington.

Netanyahu maintained that details of Rabin's instructions to Shahak had been leaked to him before the chief of staff left for Washington.

"Rabin is not only giving up the Golan and endangering the state, he is even conceding those principles which he had [previously] stated were vital in any future security arrangement with Syria," said Netanyahu.

"He is giving up on Israeli personnel manning early warning stations on Mt. Hermon and the demand to cut the forces of the Syrian army," he said.

"He [Rabin] is also conceding the principle of an asymmetric

geographical demilitarization between Israel and Syria. This means we would not only be below the Golan, with them above us, the IDF would have to move back the same distance as the Syrians on their side."

The statement by the Prime Minister's Office derided Netanyahu's claims, saying "a few months ago, MK Binyamin Netanyahu heralded to the Israeli public that he has 'reliable sources' that a peace treaty between Israel and Syria has been completed and it is a fait accompli."

"Today MK Netanyahu declares that he has the position papers that were prepared for the chief of staff before he left for Washington. Now Netanyahu is citing 'reliable sources' that Israel is about to concede several security-related components."

"Mr. Netanyahu would do well to check his reliable sources and decide once and for all whether the agreement with Syria has been completed or not. Then, as today, this is all empty."

Netanyahu made his remarks at a meeting of the Likud's political committee in Safed yesterday morning, held to highlight Syria's demands to have early warning stations in the Galilee.

Later, Netanyahu, along with Tsomet, NRP and Mokedet leaders, took part in a mass demonstration at the Golan Heights Residents Committee and Galilee Residents for the Golan - to

protest against the chiefs of staff meeting in Washington. Several Druse residents from the Golan also took part.

Police detained nine people, including Katzin Local Council head Sammy Bar-Lev, when a group of demonstrators blocked the main road at the junction.

Police estimated the number of protesters at about 3,000. The organizers said they had expected a maximum of 1,500 people and were delighted with the turnout.

A huge force of more than 800 policemen and border policemen were on hand to prevent disturbances, but for the most part the demonstration passed quietly.

The protesters, who carried placards denouncing the government's policies and declaring the Golan an integral part of the state, listened to speeches from the politicians and Golan Heights residents.

Golan Regional Council head Yehuda Wolman, a veteran Labor Party member, called on Rabin to resign, saying he had no mandate and should call elections.

Third Way Movement leader Yehuda Harel, another veteran Laborite, said governments came and went, but settlements were permanent.

David Makovsky contributed to this report.

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PA's Yusef: Joint patrols could bridge redeployment gap

JOINT patrols will play a large part in bridging the Israeli and Palestinian positions on redeployment, Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yusef, the Palestinian Authority's national security commander, said in an interview yesterday.

The two sides are still far apart, but there is no deadlock, he said. Since no decision has been made concerning withdrawal from Jenin first, or Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm and Kalkilya first, the Palestinian Police has different plans for the redeployment scenarios.

Whatever scenario is followed

will include two common elements: a timetable for complete Israeli withdrawal from population centers and joint patrols.

Yusef told *The Jerusalem Post* he envisaged that IDF troops would leave towns and villages and redeploy in "empty areas, some military camps and in settlements." However, Israel, so far, does not want to move far beyond towns' municipal borders.

The question of whether IDF troops would have the right to re-enter populated areas for security reasons is still to be negotiated, Yu-

sef said.

Joint patrols will play an important role in bridging the differences. "Certainly there are going to be joint patrols. The joint patrol has proved an acceptable and successful experiment in Gaza," Yusef said.

When the redeployment agreement is finalized no new police force will be created. "We are going to dispatch police forces from Gaza, with some of the national security forces. The Gaza police are going to be there shouldering the responsibility," he said.

There are some 15,000 police in

JON IMMANUEL

Gaza, twice as many as permitted in the Cairo Agreement, as well as an excessive number in Jericho.

A consequence of the influx of police and the preventive security services from Gaza will be a dilution of the current influence of Col. Jibril Rajoub, a Fatah leader and head of preventive security in Jericho.

"We may use some of the Jericho forces because they have a larger size than the needs of Jericho," Yusef said.

Yusef seemed unconcerned by the approaching July 1 target date for an agreement despite the current gap in positions. "I don't think we are at loggerheads and there is no deadlock. Peace will continue. It is irrevocable peace," he said.

Meanwhile, Yusef said the arrest of Hamas leaders, following the suicide bombing of an IDF post near Gush Katif Sunday, was designed to show that Hamas's political leadership would be held responsible for the claims and actions of its covert Izzadine Kassam military wing. Hamas officials have always said

the political and military wings are separate. "It is natural that the military wing is headed by the political leaders and they should be responsible for their acts," Yusef said. Yusef said a later public denial by Hamas of involvement was positive development. "A public statement is significant," he said, indicating that it could influence the length of their arrest.

Yusef said the police had their own information concerning the political affiliation of the bomber whom Hamas said Monday night had acted alone, and that local coop-

eration with the police in dealing with Hamas was increasing.

Hamas and the PA have yet to reach a formal agreement on ending violence in Gaza and Jericho, which is crucial to quelling Israel's security fears if it withdraws from other areas likely to fall under PA administration.

"[Hamas] is demanding that all its prisoners be released and until now we are refusing," Yusef said.

He said there was no perceived assassination threat to the Palestinian leadership from Islamic fundamentalists as there is in Egypt.

IDF breaks up scuffle over settlers' fencing in land

HERB KEINON and LIAT COLLINS

IDF troops separated Jews and Palestinians who scuffled yesterday over land that settlers fenced in near Beit Horon, as settlement activists intensified their campaign to scuttle IDF redeployment in the territories.

In the early morning, about 40 Beit Horon residents fenced in 48 dunams of land they said is included in the settlement's master plan. Soon after they began work, about 20 Palestinians from nearby Beit Ur al-Fouka went to the scene and claimed the land was theirs. Soldiers separated the sides, and the settlers were issued a civil administration order to stop work on the fence.

Nissan Siomiansky, one of the leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that "when the IDF leaves, all areas that are not fenced in, and where there is no Jewish presence, will be turned over to the PLO." He said the aim is to stake a claim to state land, as well as to "ignite a fire" that could lead to a crisis in the negotiations with the PLO.

As Beit Horon settlers were erecting a fence, Beit El residents were tearing down another one, belonging

to the adjacent IDF training base.

Settlement secretary Yoav Barak said the fence is on land allocated for a commercial center, but which was not used in the past because it was near the army base's shooting range. "The IDF changed the direction of the range, and the land belongs to us," Barak said.

The work was stopped after several IDF officers arrived on the scene. Barak said that eventually the fence will be replaced by temporary structures.

Also in Beit El, a tractor repaired a road that the civil administration tore up two years ago, providing the settlement with a second road linking it to the Jerusalem-Nablus road.

Next to Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, a few hundred people took part in the dedication of a temporary building which National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat, behind the setting up of the structure, hopes will turn into a full-fledged yeshiva.

"I hope the time will come when a settlement will also be established here," Porat told Israel Radio, "but one thing I think is needed now is that this site will not be closed at 5 or 6 p.m., but will remain open day

and night. We call on the government and the IDF to allow this site to be full of Torah and prayer day and night."

In another development yesterday, the IDF stopped work on two roads near Kochav Hashachar to determine whether road construction taking place there is legal.

On the Jerusalem-Jericho highway, a number of settlers from Vered Yeriho threw stones at Palestinian cars yesterday, apparently in retaliation for stoning incidents in which two Jews and an IDF soldier were injured in Jericho Tuesday night.

About 20 people tried to block the road, but were dispersed by police. Two people were detained for questioning.

Meanwhile, Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen yesterday asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to investigate whether leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are acting illegally.

Cohen also asked Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret to immediately order the removal of the structure near Rachel's Tomb.

NRP petitions court for a debate on next stage of Oslo Accords

EVELYN GORDON

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to force Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss to schedule a discussion on the next stage of the Oslo Accords before July 1.

Porat had submitted a motion for the agenda, entitled "the obligation to bring the second stage of the Oslo Accords to the decision of the people," and on June 14, the plenum voted 24-0 to hold a discussion on this motion in the plenum. Porat then asked Weiss to schedule the discussion before July 1, because once the agreement on the second stage is signed, a discussion on the need to submit it to the decision of the people would be pointless.

However, the petition said, Weiss

responded that Porat's motion for the agenda had been "a parliamentary trick," and that he would therefore use another "trick" to postpone the discussion until after July 1. Furthermore, Weiss said, there are other matters that need to be discussed by the plenum, and Porat's motion does not have priority.

The petition charged that Weiss's position is unreasonable in the extreme, because the discussion would have no point after July 1. Weiss is therefore making the Knesset's decision to hold the discussion meaningless, it said.

By enabling the speaker to do this, it continued, the court would essentially be enabling him to prevent opposition MKs from raising motions of importance - and this would seriously damage Israeli democracy.

Liav Collins adds: Weiss responded to the charges by saying that the Knesset has a number of other similar issues on the agenda that are being addressed. "Most of the political issues are similar or identical to this one. Why should I move someone up the line, no matter how important he be? What's more, every week these issues come up again including within the framework of no-confidence motions filed by the Likud and NRP," Weiss said.

PA bodyguards foil theft of cash

BILL HUTMAN

PALESTINIAN Authority bodyguards, in a car chase just north of Jerusalem yesterday, forced thieves to abandon the cash-filled briefcase they had stolen earlier from a senior PA official.

An Israel Police spokesman said Abdel Taha, the director-general of the PA Economics Ministry, was held up by two masked men as he left a ministry office in A-Ram. Taha at first refused to surrender his briefcase, but consented when a gun was put to his head, the spokesman said.

The assailants fled in a vehicle with Israeli license plates toward the neighboring village of El Jib. Several PA bodyguards who worked at the office pursued them in another vehicle.

After a high-speed chase over several kilometers, the thieves threw the briefcase out of their car. The bodyguards then retrieved the suitcase, letting the thieves escape.

Coup d'etat in Qatar may have benefits

COMMENT

PINHAS INBARI

THE coup d'etat in Qatar may have implications for relations with Israel - for the better. It is noteworthy that Jordan was the first Arab state to recognize the new regime, while Saudi Arabia closed its borders with the emirate.

Qatar is the most forthcoming regarding establishing normal relations with Israel among Gulf emirates and Saudi Arabia, and this policy is attributed more to the new ruler, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Thani, than to his father, the ousted Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Thani.

Saudi Arabia opposed this policy, due to pressures from Syria and Egypt, and tensions developed between Saudi Arabia and Qatar in this regard. It seems that the former ruler tried to change this policy, in addition to other conflicts that existed between himself and his son, who emerged as the strong personality in the emirate.

While Sheikh Hamad was still crown prince, Qatar developed other policies resented by Saudi Arabia, such as becoming closer to Jordan, Iraq, and Iran. We may assume that when the Saudis pushed the father too hard to oppose his son's policies, the son decided to oust his father.



Tourism Minister Uzi Baram (left) meets Jordanian tourists yesterday during a visit to Naharayim, on the border with Jordan. Baram said he would soon hold talks with his Jordanian counterpart about the joint development of tourist sites in the area. Among the proposed projects is the erecting of a 'peace tent,' in which people from both countries could meet. (Shaul Rahamim)

Mainstream rabbis move away from rabbi who termed Rabin a traitor

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

THE mainstream Orthodox leadership in America is distancing itself from a maverick rabbi's suggestion that officials in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government are "mosrim" - people who betray Jews - thus implying that it is acceptable to kill them.

Rabbi Abraham Hecht of Brooklyn first referred to Israeli leaders, and those who assist them, as *mosrim* last week in New York, when an Orthodox group, the International Rabbinical Coalition for Israel, issued a ruling that it is not permissible for the government to relinquish any land. The halachic validity of that view has been challenged by others in the Orthodox community.

"The mere rumor that he made the statement did a great disser-

vice" to the widespread American Orthodox opposition to the Rabin government's actions on the peace process, said one official of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America.

"I feel this [peace process] is a terrible mistake made by people who have no sensitivity to Jewish history," the official said. "That's my opinion. [But] if Rabbi Hecht has the same opinion and then goes on to say, 'Kill the prime minister,' then my cause suffers."

Hecht rigorously stands by his position that the government, as the "executor" of the Jewish inheritance has no right to relinquish any land, and that current

government officials are *mosrim* who would face severe penalties. "But did I say you should get a 'hired gun' to blow his [Rabin's] brains out? Absolutely not," Hecht said yesterday. "But if we are talking academically, from the point of view of Jewish law, [Rabin] is a traitor."

Hecht challenged those who said he had done a disservice to the Orthodox opposition. "We have a lot of nice Orthodox rabbis who have laryngitis when it comes to talking about Israel," Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, dean of the Brisk Yeshiva in Chicago and the leading talmudic authority at Yeshiva University in New

York, was distressed by Hecht's comments. "We cannot use violence, not even verbal violence," against the Rabin government, he said.

Hecht "committed the blunder of his life," Soloveichik said. "He's very devoted to Israel, but because of his devotion to Israel, he did not control himself and he used certain language that should not be used by anyone, certainly not by a rabbi."

Hecht, whose family has been prominent in the Lubavitch community of Crown Heights, is the spiritual leader of Shaare Zion. He is the longtime president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America. "It's not a very influential organization, except to make a lot of noise," said one RCA official.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabin: 200 PA security men in capital
"There are some 200 members of the Palestinian security apparatus operating in eastern Jerusalem," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wrote yesterday, in response to a parliamentary question by National Religious Party leader Ze'evulun Hammer. Rabin noted that the activities are in violation of the agreements with the Palestinians. *Liav Collins*

Palestinians strike for fasting prisoners
Palestinians in Judea and Samaria shut their businesses yesterday in solidarity with security prisoners on a hunger strike for 10 days. The Gaza Strip was open for business, while Jericho was closed. The strike paralyzed Arab sections of Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem. *Reuter*

Ministry cuts Haifa pipeline
The Environment Ministry yesterday issued an order to immediately stop the flow of gasoline and other petroleum products along a pipeline which runs under residential areas of Haifa, citing it as an environmental hazard. *David Rudge*

Bigger health warning on cigarette ads
The health warning on cigarette advertisements is going to get bigger. According to an amendment to the law on advertising tobacco products which unanimously passed second and third reading in the Knesset yesterday with 11 votes, the warning can be no smaller than 5 percent of the ad. *Liav Collins*

Man indicted for beheading relatives
Oleg Ya'acovov, 31, of Rishon LeZion, was charged yesterday with murdering his second cousin, Siblei Moshayav, and Siblei's grandmother, Sofia, on May 11, then beheaded them to avoid having the bullets in the skulls identified. *Itim*

Wild West town burns down
The Wild West town at the Golan Globus Studios in Neveh Ilan burned down yesterday afternoon, for unknown reasons. *Itim*

Three die on roads

THREE people were killed and 10 injured in four accidents on the country's roads yesterday.

A nine-year-old Ofakim boy, Moshe Peretz, was hit and killed by a military vehicle while riding his bicycle at the town's exit. Police are investigating. A 43-year-old Petah Tikva woman was hit by a truck and killed while crossing the city's Jabotinsky Street at a crosswalk. On the Afula-Jenin road, Salah Jivva, 24, of Nazareth, was killed yesterday when he crashed head-on into a truck while driving on a sharp bend. *(Itim)*

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Council of Sages decries country's spiritual and security situation

HERB KEINON

AGUDAT Yisrael's Council of Sages met in a special session in Jerusalem yesterday to decry the nation's security and spiritual situation.

Avishai Shitokhamer, the council's secretary, said it views with "repudiation" recent developments involving Jerusalem, and the imminent redeployment of IDF troops in the territories "that will bring Arab artillery into the center of the country."

The council also said it holds the government responsible for the "disintegration of Jewish values," manifested - most recently - in the Religious Affairs Ministry's intention to fund institutions aligned with the Reform Movement, and to pave the way for women and representatives of the Conservative and Reform movements to sit on local religious councils.

No operative decisions were made at the meeting.

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The funeral will leave from Sanhedria Funeral Parlor today, Wednesday, June 28, at noon, for Har Hameinuhot.

Shiva at Weil, 6 Kikar Magnes (40 Metudela) in Rehavia, until tomorrow (Thursday) night, at 9:00 p.m.; thereafter in New York, and at Weintraub, 11 Frug, Ramat Gan.

JOHN 2/150



A Tel Aviv woman gets a few pointers in the art of self-defense from Israeli karate champion Yaron Binyamini (right) during a special course designed to help older people protect themselves from attacks. The course was arranged by the "Am Yafeh - Am Ehad" organization in light of the 1,213 attacks on people over 65 in the Tel Aviv area in the past two-and-a-half years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabin: Peace process brings investments

The new political situation in the Middle East has opened up economic opportunities in Israel and investors and entrepreneurs are knocking at our doors as never before, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday. He was speaking at Yed Lebanim in Holon where he opened an exhibition of new municipal projects.

The premier also took time to meet with new immigrants in the town, inquiring about the problems facing the elderly and single parents.

Batsheva Tsor

Romanian worker murdered

A Romanian worker was murdered early yesterday during a quarrel with three other workers from his country in a grove near the Ness Ziona industrial zone, police said.

When the fight broke out, one of the workers apparently left to seek help, and found the dead man and saw the other two workers had disappeared. Police said the man had apparently been killed with a blunt object. No suspects have yet been arrested.

Itim

Drunk drivers lose licenses

Two people caught driving while drunk during a crackdown Saturday night were given NIS 1,500 fines and had their licenses suspended for two years by the Tel Aviv Traffic Court yesterday.

One man was caught in Jaffa and the other in Tel Aviv after committing traffic violations. They took Breathalyzer tests which showed their blood alcohol levels above the legal limit for driving.

Itim

Ministry: Blame taken off Lahit soda

The Health Ministry has found no poison in cans of Lahit 2000 cola and orange soda, which earlier this week caused 23 children from a fifth- and sixth-grade class in Kfar Merar near Tiberias to become ill.

Ministry investigators said that apparently, the owner of the store where the drinks were purchased had sprayed a pesticide there, which affected the product. The ministry thus concluded there is no reason to avoid buying beverages made by the Northern Beverage Company in Kiryat Ata.

Judy Siegel

Claht eases psychiatric procedure

Kupat Holim Claht members may go directly for treatment at mental health clinics or psychiatric hospitals anywhere in the country, without a referral slip (number 17) from the health fund and without any payment.

This arrangement was reached by a special agreement with the government, according to David Tagar, the spokesman of Claht, which will cover the NIS 10 per visit charge paid by members of other health funds.

Judy Siegel

New chief for Agency aliya department

Piny Nahmani yesterday was appointed director-general of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department. Nahmani, a former combat pilot, was previously deputy head of the finance department and earlier headed agency activities in France.

He replaces Arnon Manivier, who has been named head of the Israel branch of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Batsheva Tsor

Bezek cited for rehabilitating prisoners

More than 500 inmates at the Ashmoret, Hasharon and Ma'asiyahu Prisons have been trained and employed by Bezek during the past decade. The public telecommunications company yesterday was awarded a Social Development Award for 1995 at Beit Hanassi for the project. Meir Moses, who coordinates the project for Bezek, said the inmates have become tenured Bezek employees, working as foremen and team heads. In addition, since 1984 Bezek has employed 2,000 teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds. Moses said Bezek is the largest employer in the country of such youngsters.

Judy Siegel

Ben-Eliezer will implement reform in public housing

DAVID RUDGE

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday announced wide-ranging reforms in the public housing sector which are likely to make rents cheaper for low-income families.

The reforms, which are to be implemented first in "confrontation-line" towns and villages in the north, also include incentives to encourage tenants to purchase apartments they have been renting from government-run housing companies such as Amidar and Amigur.

Ben-Eliezer announced the measures during a visit to the north yesterday to inaugurate a new NIS 10.5 million stretch of road between Kibbutz Kfar Szold and Kibbutz Shamir, near Kiryat Shmona.

He took advantage of the visit to pledge continued investment in road, housing and infrastructure projects, especially in Kiryat Shmona and towns and villages near the Lebanese border.

Residents of Kiryat Shmona, led by Mayor Prosper Azran, recently staged a general strike to protest what they described as the government's neglect of the front-line town.

They called for special funding to improve education, youth and social facilities. They also pressed for land and infrastructure to be made available for new industries, public housing and build-your-own-home projects, as well as for lower rents for tenants in Amidar and Amigur apartments. Similar calls have also

been made by heads of confrontation-line towns and villages.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, after several meetings with ministers, pledged that the government would give preferential treatment to confrontation line settlements in an effort to improve the lot of residents.

The public housing reforms announced yesterday by Ben-Eliezer fix new criteria for public housing rents based on the income and size of families, the size of the property and its location.

The new criteria will assist low-income families and lead to sizeable reductions, while those in a better financial position might have to pay more.

Until now, rental rates, even for apartments of the same size in the same town, have differed widely depending on when tenants moved in.

He said that in those areas with an "A" priority development status, such as Kiryat Shmona, tenants wanting to purchase their apartments would receive grants and discounts of up to NIS 65,000 - about half the cost of a three-room flat in Kiryat Shmona. They would be able to take out mortgages at preferential terms for the remainder of the sum, he said.

The public housing reforms will be implemented first in the north, in places like Kiryat Shmona, Ma'alot, Shlomi, Nahariya, Metulla and villages. They will later be implemented in stages in other parts of the country.

Liba'i turns over to A-G report of probe on Bnei Brak

ACTING Interior Minister David Liba'i yesterday sent Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair the findings of the committee set up to look into the functioning of the Bnei Brak Municipality.

The committee had been appointed to determine if police should launch a criminal investigation into possible wrongdoing. "As someone involved for many years in dealing with criminal matters, I believe there is the basis to assume that criminal offenses were committed in the Bnei Brak Municipality," Liba'i said. He refused to elaborate. Liba'i also announced the for-

mation of an appointed local council for Bnei Brak, headed by former Jerusalem deputy mayor Amos Mar-Haim, who is still a member of the Jerusalem city council.

The interior minister said the Finance Ministry would transfer NIS 36 million to the Bnei Brak Municipality to pay salaries to city workers for three months, including the two for which they have not yet been paid. (Itim)

Jay Feinberg's search ends: Marrow donor found in four-year hunt

JUDY SIEGEL

JAY Feinberg, a 26-year-old New Jersey man diagnosed with leukemia four years ago, has finally found a compatible donor of bone marrow who has a good chance of saving his life. The transplant is due to take place at the Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle in two weeks.

During their search for a donor, the Feinbergs raised \$2.5 million and helped save the lives of over a dozen people who located marrow donors through their blood drives, including several held in Israel.

In January, 1993, thousands of would-be donors flooded Jerusalem hotels to have their blood tested. Similar blood drives were sponsored by the Friends of Jay Foundation throughout the US. But since he has a very rare human lymphocyte antigen (HLA) type, the family was unsuccessful at finding a perfect match with 20 identical HLA factors out of 350, or even a similar one.

Recently, an American woman who was tested in a Friends of Jay blood drive was found to have a

compatible type - not a perfect match but close enough to give Feinberg a good chance of a complete cure. The young woman - whose identity may not be revealed until after the procedure is completed due to American confidentiality laws - will donate a spoonful of bone marrow aspirated from her hip under anesthetic, and then go home a few hours later. She is apparently Jewish, as the specific HLA type is more common among Eastern European Jews from the same background as the Feinberg family: from Belarus and the Warsaw area.

Feinberg, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate who fell ill soon after beginning work at the Federal Reserve Bank, has been valiantly trying to stay alive while his family searched for a compatible donor. They solicited funds, gave interviews and set up an information site on the Internet.

"We received a check for \$10,000 in the mail one day," said

Arlene Feinberg, Jay's mother, in a phone interview from Seattle.

"It came from the parents of a young woman who died for lack of a suitable bone-marrow donation. They asked us to continue our work and save others."

She and her husband Jack, who have two other adult sons, will stay in Seattle for three to five months during Jay's recuperation. "He's undergoing chemotherapy daily before the transplant, to completely weaken his immune system. Then it will take over a month in the hospital and 100 days of outpatient care," said Arlene.

"When he gets well, we expect he will go back to his job at the Federal Reserve Bank. Jay intends to celebrate the anniversary of his transplant in Jerusalem."

If Jay is cured, the Feinberg family says they don't intend to give up their voluntary work. "We will keep our foundation going, so we can give the gift of life to more people with leukemia," his mother promised.

MKs move closer to pay increase

Wage hike would be compensation for ban on moonlighting

LIAT COLLINS

MKS yesterday moved a stage closer to allotting themselves a 33 percent pay rise after the Knesset House Committee discussed implementing law professor Ariel Rosen-Zvi's report calling for them to receive the wage hike in return for being banned from moonlighting.

At the end of the stormy meeting, attended by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, the committee decided to postpone voting on the topic by a week to find a compromise acceptable to the ministry as well as the MKs.

Shohat has repeatedly called on his colleagues to refrain from

voting themselves a rise until the public sector wage agreements expire in January 1997. MKs now earn around NIS 13,000.

The finance minister is worried that if the MKs receive a pay rise, salaries throughout the public sector will go up because of linkage between them.

"Deciding to alter the MKs' wages will bring disaster on the entire economy. I'm not saying the MKs' wages are high, but in certain situations you have to act responsibly and not bring about a situation in which the entire wage

system is adjusted upwards," Shohat told the committee. He said the wages of half the economy would be affected by a Knesset pay rise.

Not all the MKs were moved by Shohat's argument and several demanded immediately adopting the bill proposed by Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen and Likud MK Meir Sheetrit which calls for the implementation of the Rosen-Zvi Report. The report condemns the practice of MKs holding down outside jobs. Unlike previous committee meetings on the subject, this time most members seemed in favor of it.

Sanctions continuing in government hospitals

JUDY SIEGEL

TELEPHONE exchanges in all the government hospitals won't answer today between 10 a.m. and noon, nor will calls be allowed to leave the institutions.

Moreover, phone operators at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, will shut down their phone exchanges "in solidarity" between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

The sanctions are the result of a continued dispute between the

Health Ministry and the union of administrative and maintenance personnel, who claim the ministry is not carrying out decisions of the Padeh Committee regarding granting professional advancement to workers.

The union of administrative directors in government hospitals yesterday voiced its support for

the work action, arguing that salary scales for the clerks and maintenance workers are among the lowest in the civil service.

Yesterday, the union closed down emergency rooms for two hours at nine state hospitals for the same reason.

The ministry said the sanctions were unjustified because talks with the works committee are continuing.

Cities want parents to pay for school guards

BATSHEVA TSOR

THE Local Authorities Union has called on parents to participate in maintaining the presence of armed guards at the schools.

This follows the cabinet's decision to hand over school security to the police who plan to guard schools and kindergartens mainly by using more patrol cars.

Union head Adi Eldar said that, for a mere NIS 5 per child monthly, it would be possible for the parents to pay for guards at every school. Earlier, the Parents' Association had threatened to keep children home when the new school year starts unless guards are kept at every school.

Ovarian cyst removed from newborn

JUDY SIEGEL

A NEWBORN baby girl diagnosed in utero with a large ovarian cyst underwent surgery six days after birth at Hasharon Hospital in Petah Tikva.

The very rare surgery, which removed a benign cyst that filled her abdominal cavity, was successful.

Her 25-year-old mother underwent a routine ultrasound scan when she was 30 weeks pregnant. She was referred to Prof. Zion Ben-Raphael of Hasharon on suspicion that the fetus had an enlarged bladder that was not emptying. Experts in the hospital's clinic for fetal defects

performed another scan and decided that the fetus had an ovarian cyst nearly eight centimeters long.

Since the baby's kidneys were normal, the doctors recommended that the woman continue with the pregnancy and that the baby be treated immediately after birth. A follow-up scan near the end of the pregnancy showed the cyst had grown to nine centimeters.

Using microsurgery, doctors made a three-centimeter cut and removed the cyst while leaving her ovaries and fallopian tubes intact.

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Mubarak: Sudanese behind assassination attempt

DALIA BALIGH
CAIRO

PRESIDENT Hosni Mubarak yesterday blamed the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Sudan for helping to organize the attempt on his life in Ethiopia.

He also disclosed that Egypt has dispatched investigating teams to Ethiopia to look into the attack, and Cairo newspapers reported the attackers may have been Egyptians who had Sudanese backing.

Mubarak's comments came as he greeted thousands of Egyptians who attended a rally shown on state television to demonstrate public support for the president and relief that he survived Monday's assassination attempt.

The rally was rebroadcast throughout the day, as was Mubarak's return to Cairo on Monday after the attack on his motorcade in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. Since the incident, television has carried little but film clips of Mubarak and patriotic songs.

At the rally, the president told well-wishers: "A group of Sudanese persons rented a villa on the road and gave haven to the terrorists. Either this was under organization of the Sudanese government - and I think that it is unlikely - or by Turabi and his group."

It was a reference to Islamic cleric Hassan Turabi, believed to be the power behind the government of Lt. Gen. Omar al-Bashir, who took power in Sudan in a



Thousands of well-wishers crowd into the grounds of the Qubba Palace in Cairo to cheer President Mubarak yesterday.

(Reuters)

coup in 1989.

Mubarak also repeated accusations - denied by Sudan - that the Sudanese run training camps for Islamic guerrillas.

"They say they don't have training camps, but they have farms. They give scholarships to men from Benin and Chad... and Turabi is teaching them farming and terrorism," he said.

Egypt and Sudan have had increasingly sour relations since Bashir came to power. The Egyptian government has repeatedly accused Sudan of supporting Egyptian radicals. Last Saturday, security officials said a large weapons cache was seized after coming across the Sudanese border.

Egyptian extremists have

waged a three-year campaign of violence to try to overthrow the nation's secular government and replace it with strict Islamic rule. More than 750 people have died, most of them extremists or police.

Late Monday, Sudanese officials issued statements denying any involvement in the Addis Ababa attack.

(AP)

EU clears E. Europe aid in step to widening ranks

CANNES, France (AP) - European Union leaders granted \$8.7 billion in aid to nine East European nations yesterday, another step aimed at nearly doubling the ranks of the world's largest trading bloc.

But debate persisted among the existing 15 members over whether the bloc, already with some 370 million citizens, should be a loose federation or evolve into a political and perhaps military superpower.

At the end of a two-day summit, the 15 EU leaders met with their colleagues from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania who

pressed their case for early membership. EU hopefuls Cyprus and Malta also attended.

"It moved me to see 26 heads of state and governments sitting at a single table," said the summit host, President Jacques Chirac. "As soon as possible, these countries in a European no-man's land should join the Union, even if that poses technical problems."

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said the aid package for the East Europeans meant that "a new era in the history of Europe was launched today."

Slovak Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar officially applied for EU membership, whose guidelines the EU approved yesterday

in a first-thick report. Applicants will have to adjust their laws and economies to conform to EU rules.

Leading the eastern pack, Polish Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy told reporters EU expansion "should not take too long."

Using an analogy of wine, "that turns to vinegar," he warned delays risk a "decrease of political support" in Poland for integration in the EU.

To help smooth what could be painful changes for inefficient, former Communist economies, the EU leaders cleared a 6.7 billion European Currency Unit (\$8.7 billion), five-year aid package for their eastern neighbors.

Pope meets Orthodox patriarch

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) - Pope John Paul II welcomed the spiritual leader of more than 150 million Orthodox Christians to the Vatican yesterday for talks both hope will help reduce obstacles to unity after nearly 1,000 years of division.

The meeting between the pontiff and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is on a three-day visit, is only the seventh between spiritual leaders of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches since the Great Schism that split Christendom in 1054.

The pope, meeting Bartholomew for the first time, embraced the black-robed patriarch and walked with him hand-in-hand into the Tower of St. John, where Bartholomew will reside during his stay at the Vatican.

Calling Bartholomew a "brother in reciprocal love," the pope said he hoped Catholics and Orthodox Christians could approach the year 2000 closer than ever "so as to proclaim to the world our common faith."

"May God make this meeting, dearest brother, a precious opportunity to progress together through prayer, dialogue and co-operation along the path of visible unity," he said.

The two men are scheduled to meet privately three times and together will bless pilgrims in St. Peter's Square after mass at the Vatican tomorrow.

Bartholomew, whose seat is in Istanbul, the former Constantinople, heads the Greek Orthodox Church and has "primacy of



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew poses with Pope John Paul II on his arrival at the Vatican yesterday.

honor" in the broader Orthodox Christian faith, whose self-governing national churches choose their own patriarchs.

Like the pope, he has set greater unity as one of his goals for 2000, the dawn of the third mil-

lennium of Christianity.

The split between the Catholic and Orthodox churches was sealed by mutual excommunications in 1054 after a host of theological disputes, including over the bodily nature of Christ.

Rwanda genocide trial opens, elects president

THE HAGUE (Reuters) - The UN criminal tribunal for Rwanda was inaugurated yesterday with an appeal to the entire world to help it bring to justice those responsible for the genocidal killing of as many as one million Rwandans.

As the 11 judges took a solemn oath to exercise their powers impartially, Rwanda's justice minister described the slaughter in his country last year as an outrage against all mankind.

"It is the responsibility of humanity as a whole to avenge those who perished in this Rwandan tragedy," Alphonse Nkubito told the first public session of the tribunal.

The tribunal announced later yesterday that it had elected

Judge Laity Kama of Senegal as its president and Judge Yakov Ostrovsky of Russia as its vice-president.

Nkubito said the killing in Rwanda was unprecedented in its swiftness and magnitude.

"Rwandans slaughtered their brothers, sisters and neighbors... neither infants nor old people were spared," he said.

Rwanda needed other countries' help, he said, because the main architects of the genocide were living abroad.

"Those who planned and thought out the genocide have fled the country and are outside Rwanda," he told a news conference after addressing the tribunal.

Polish priest: I only meant some Jews

WARSAW (AP) - A prominent Roman Catholic priest accused of giving an antisemitic sermon two weeks ago says he did not intend to insult Israel when he linked Jews to Nazism and communism.

The Rev. Henryk Jankowski, a friend of President Lech Walesa and a pastor of the Solidarity movement since its birth in 1980, told state television Monday night that he is not an antisemite and does not regret his comments.

The priest said in a sermon on June 11: "The Star of David is implicated in the swastika as well as in the hammer and sickle."

Hit by a wave of criticism from intellectuals, Jewish groups, Catholic church leaders and politicians, Jankowski made matters worse a few days later when he issued a statement saying actions by Jews "in banking and finance circles" had led to "many human tragedies."

On Monday, he said he did not intend to slander Israel's symbol.

"The Israeli state was created only recently. By speaking about the Star [of David], I did not think about the state," he said.

Jankowski said his comments were not about Jews generally, but about particular Jews doing harm to Poland.

He said he especially referred to "Jerzy Urban, the man who publicly declares he is a Jew, and who insults [our] national feelings, our president, the Polish-born pope, the church and its primate."

Urban, the widely despised communist government spokesman during Poland's martial law crackdown in the early 1980s, is now the editor and owner of a strongly anti-Catholic weekly publication, known for obscenity.

Walesa, who was present when Jankowski gave his sermon, came under fire for failing to denounce the sermon for nine days. He eventually issued a strong statement condemning antisemitism.

Romania police: 12 boys smashed Jewish graves

BUCHAREST (Reuters) - Romanian police said yesterday that 12 boys aged from nine to 14 had smashed dozens of headstones in a Jewish cemetery in the Romanian capital but had acted without any malice towards Jews.

Jewish leaders said more than 100 graves were desecrated in the incident two weeks ago, which they called the worst attack against a Jewish cemetery since the 1989 collapse of communism.

Leaders of Romania's small Jewish community were still taking stock of the damage in a cemetery in a working class Bucharest district, but they doubted the heavy granite and marble headstones could have been wrecked by children at play.

The incident has no antisemitic character, said Colonel Serban Stan, head of Bucharest's 18th police precinct.

"The underage children were not aware of the gravity of their

acts."

Police said the boys allegedly sneaked into the Ashkenazi cemetery "to eat blackberries and then play by kicking the headstones, which fell over and broke."

"It's hard to believe small children playing could knock down dozens of massive headstones," Julian Sorin, a leader of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania, told Reuters.

Redwood outlines manifesto

LONDON (Reuters) - Ex-cabinet minister John Redwood launched his bid to wrest control of Britain's ruling party from Prime Minister John Major yesterday by unveiling a Thatcherite agenda of low taxes and opposition to closer ties with Europe.

Redwood, 44, who quit as Welsh Secretary on Monday to challenge Major for the leadership of the Conservative party, mapped out an unashamedly right-wing manifesto that could have been written by former prime minister Margaret Thatcher.

Under the slogan "No change means no chance," Redwood said the Conservatives had to return to their low-tax roots and rule out participation in a single European currency to stand any chance of winning their fifth general election in a row.

Irish peace worker Gordon Wilson dies

BELFAST (Reuters) - Northern Ireland peace campaigner Gordon Wilson, who cradled his dying daughter in his arms after a 1987 IRA bomb attack, died of a heart attack yesterday, sources close to his family said. He was 67.

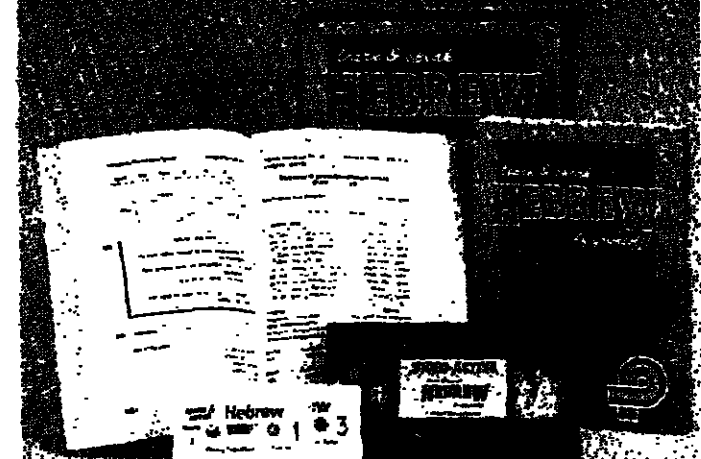
Wilson became a symbol of the province's heartache and hope in the dark days of its guerrilla war when in November 1987, he publicly forgave the Irish Republican

Army for killing his daughter, and said he would pray for those who set off the bomb.

His description of how he cradled dying Marie, a 20-year-old nurse, as she lay trapped in rubble touched millions of television viewers.

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Yugoslavia too much for nat'l team

Israel's last hope: Beat Lithuania and pray Italy loses to winless Sweden

BRIAN FREEMAN

THE national team could not keep up with star-studded Yugoslavia yesterday, losing 72-59 in the 29th European National Championships in Athens.

The defeat drops Israel's record to 2-3 in the final pool and leaves it with only slim hopes of advancing to the quarter-finals.

Israel can reach the next round if it beats Lithuania (8 pm, live on Channel 1) and Italy loses to winless Sweden (11:30 am today).

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia improved its mark to 5-0 and clinched first place in the pool, ensuring it will meet the fourth-place finisher from Group B in the quarter-finals on Friday.

Israel, playing without the injured Doron Jamchee, fell behind 17-8 in the first eight minutes and 28-10 with six minutes left in the half, as the outside shooting tandem of Pedrag Danilovic and Aleksandar Djordjevic combined for 20 points, while Vladi Divac secured the boards underneath.

Undermanned Israel was hardly equipped to play catch-up, as they were outscored 47-19 and shot only 34 percent, the same symptom that doomed them against Greece on Monday.

Moreover, Doron Sheffer, who had played brilliantly in the championships' first games, scored only one point and was ineffective in leading the offense.

The team did receive contributions from some unlikely places, as Lior Arditi (with his first points of the tourney) and Amir Mukhtari helped cut the deficit to 35-25 and were rewarded by starting the second half.



TURNING TWO - Guy Goodes goes up guarded by Yugoslavia's Sasa Obradovic.

Israel continued its surge after the break behind the all-around play of Nadav Henefeld, whose three-point shot minutes into the half trimmed the lead to 39-34.

But that was as close as they came, as Yugoslavia responded with a 18-8 run to boost the advantage to 57-43.

Yugoslavia gave Israel many opportunities to get back into the contest, committing 26 turnovers, but the blue-and-white wasted them by failing to string together a few consistent offensive series.

Danilovic, who is headed to the Miami Heat this season, led the Yugoslavs with 21 points, while Dejan Bodiroga had 13 and

Djordjevic 11.

Guy Goodes was the leading scorer for Israel with 13 points, while Henefeld had 12 and Moti Daniel 10.

Yugoslavia, European champions the last two times they participated (1989, 1991) and world champions in 1990, looks to complete a perfect record in the final pool against Germany today.

In Group B action last night, Croatia, spurred by NBA stars Dino Radja and Toni Kukoc, played at practice pace to beat underdogs Finland 92-77 for their fifth straight victory.

Radja, the explosive Boston Celtics center, gave a spectacular show under the boards, sinking 27 points, and Kukoc of the Chicago Bulls had 15 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists.

In other Group B action, Slovenia beat Turkey 93-74 (half-time 40-36) and Spain topped Russia 94-78 (half-time 47-44).

In a late Group A game, Germany played Greece.

In today's games, Finland takes on Slovenia, Turkey goes up against Russia and Croatia locks horns with France.

European National Championships

Group A	W	L	Pts.
1. Yugoslavia	5	0	10
2. Lithuania	4	1	9
3. Greece	3	2	8
4. Italy	2	3	7
5. Israel	2	3	7
6. Germany	1	4	6
7. Sweden	0	5	5

Group B	W	L	Pts.
1. Croatia	5	0	10
2. Spain	4	1	9
3. France	3	2	8
4. Russia	2	3	7
5. Turkey	1	4	6
6. Slovenia	1	4	6
7. Finland	0	5	5

Agassi, Graf cruise to wins

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Top seeds Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf wasted no time yesterday in disposing of overmatched opponents at Wimbledon.

Agassi looked sharp as he crushed Australian qualifier Andrew Painter, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1, in just one hour, 17 minutes.

Graf's highly-anticipated Centre Court encounter against 14-year-old Swiss star Martina Hingis fizzled into a mismatch as the five-time champion won 6-3, 6-1, in 49 minutes.

Agassi, looking completely recovered from the hip strain he suffered at the French Open earlier this month, was in complete command as he took the ball early and ripped shots cleanly to all corners of the court.

When it was over, the darling of the Wimbledon crowds bowed and waved to all corners of the Court One stadium.

Graf played some of her best tennis to overpower Hingis, the 1994 Wimbledon junior champion who has moved to No. 13 in the world rankings since turning pro last October.

What had shaped up as the most intriguing first-round match of the tournament turned out to be a one-sided affair. Graf was in complete control, moving Hingis around the court at will with her powerful forehand.

Graf repeatedly took advantage of Hingis' relatively weak serve. Hingis held serve only once - in the first game of the match.

Agassi and Graf were among seven Wimbledon champions in

action yesterday. Three others were winners: Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Conchita Martinez. Two were losers: Michael Stich and Pat Cash.

Ten years after winning the first of his three titles at the age of 17, third-seeded Becker beat Spanish lucky-loser Emilio Alvarez, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Ninth-seeded Stich, the 1991 champion, was ousted in straight sets on Centre Court by Holland's Jacco Eltingh, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

Edberg, champion in 1988 and 1990, beat Spain's Oscar Martinez, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Cash, the 1987 champion who is trying to make another comeback after a long injury layoff, retired with an ankle injury after losing the first set 7-6 (8-6) to Dick Norman of Belgium.

Martinez, returning to Centre Court for the first time since she beat Martina Navratilova in last year's final, crushed Asa Carlson of Sweden, 6-1, 6-1, in just 47 minutes.

Second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, mixing her strong baseline game with occasional forays to the net, needed less than an hour to beat Katarina Studenkiova of Slovakia, 6-2, 6-1.

Fifth-seeded Mary Pierce, making her Wimbledon debut, took only 57 minutes to dispose of opponent Sandra Dopfer, 6-1, 6-2.

In one of the few tightly-contested women's matches, No. 7 Lindsay Davenport overcame Gigi Fernandez 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

was not seriously hurt, a team spokesman said.

Kenny Lofton scored one run and drove in the other before he left the game in the second inning with a strained hamstring. The shutout was the fifth of the year for Cleveland, which had lost four in a row.

Kansas City starter Tom Gordon (5-3) went the distance for the third time this year, giving up eight hits with two walks and five strikeouts.

Indians 2, Royals 0
Chad Ogea won his fourth straight start and helped visiting Cleveland end its longest losing streak of the season.

With two outs in the seventh and a runner on base, Tommy Gooden hit a hard liner back to the mound that struck Ogea (4-0) in the belly. He lay on the ground for several minutes, then slowly got up and walked off. He-

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Florida 5, New York 4
Atlanta 4, Montreal 3
Houston 11, St. Louis 6
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 6
Los Angeles 8, San Diego 5

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Boston 4, Toronto 3
New York 7, Detroit 3
Cleveland 2, Kansas City 0
Baltimore 2, Milwaukee 0
Chicago 6, Minnesota 5
Oakland 4, Texas 3
Seattle 7, California 3

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Hampshire on a higher run rate, Hampshire 204-9 innings closed; Leicestershire 204-9 innings closed. (C. Connor 4-41).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Suffolk by 124 runs. Gloucestershire 301-5 innings closed. (A. Wright 1-42) not out, R. Russell 59 not out. Suffolk 177 in 58.4 overs. (D. Boden 6-26).

The Sports Pages are edited by Joseph Hoffman

Piazza's 9th-inning blast keeps Dodgers' streak alive

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mike Piazza's three-run, ninth-inning homer snapped a tie and gave the Dodgers an 8-5 win over the San Diego Padres on Monday, their sixth straight victory.

San Diego reliever Brian Williams (1-5) hit Delino DeShields with a pitch and walked Jose O'Farran before Trevor Hoffman came on and gave up Piazza's home run over the short fence near the right field pole. It was Piazza's 12th homer of the season and seventh in his last 47 at-bats.

Earlier, Piazza had a two-run single, giving him five RBIs for the night.

Marlins 9, Mets 4
Jeff Conine's six-run homer sparked a five-run sixth inning, pushing the visiting Mets deeper into last place in the NL East.

Bobby Bonilla's two-run homer in the first and run-scoring single in the fourth gave starter Bobby Jones (4-5) and the Mets a 3-2 lead. Bonilla also hit a solo homer, his 11th, in the ninth.

Jones walked Kurt Abbott to begin

the sixth and Conine, who was 3-for-5 and scored three runs, hit his 11th homer of the season. Charles Johnson capped the inning with a two-run home run.

David Justice's 433rd, two-run, sixth-inning homer carried the host Braves to their third straight victory.

The Braves overcame a 3-0 deficit in winning for the 10th time in 13 games and handing the Expos their 10th loss in 12 games.

Ryan Klesko also homered for the Braves and Tom Glavine (6-4) beat the Expos for only the seventh time in 18 career decisions.

Pirates 6, Cubs 6
Pittsburgh's Carlos Garcia went 3-for-4 with a homer and extended his hitting streak to 20 games as the host Cubs dropped to .500 for the first time this season.

Garcia also doubled and singled and is hitting .365 (27-for-74) during his streak. Al Martin had three hits and three RBIs as the Pirates had a season-high 16 hits.

Trailing 7-3, the Cubs rallied for three runs in the bottom of the eighth

off reliever Jim Gott. But Jason Christiansen relieved and got Mark Grace to ground out to end the uprising.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 4, Blue Jays 3
Luis Alcala's single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Boston a 4-3 victory over the slumping Blue Jays after the Red Sox blew a three-run lead in the top of the inning.

Mike Greenwell was hit by a pitch from Tony Castillo (0-2) to start the inning. After two fly outs to center, Greenwell stole second and scored on Alcala's line single. Left fielder Candy Maldonado fielded the ball and had a play at the plate, but he fired it high over the head of catcher Lance Parrish.

Stan Belinda (5-0) got the win after failing to protect Erik Hanson's lead in the ninth.

Rookie Andy Pettitte pitched seven scoreless innings and host New York extended its longest winning streak of the season to five.

Pettitte (3-4) shut down a team that

had hit 16 home runs in its previous seven games and had won four in a row. An inning after he left with a 5-0 lead, Cecil Fielder hit a two-run homer off Jose Manzanillo.

Randy Velarde, batting ninth for the Yankees, went 3-for-3, drove in two runs and scored twice. Wade Boggs also had three hits for the season.

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ACRI: Crackdown has begun against illegal residents in the territories

THE civil administration has begun a crackdown against illegal residents of the territories in the past few weeks, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) said at a press conference to mark its annual report yesterday.

Attorney Eliahu Abram, who heads ACRI's activities in the territories, said the organization has been trying for a long time to persuade the army to change its policies for family reunification, which create a catch-22 situation: The non-resident family member cannot stay in the territories while his request is being decided, but if the resident member goes to join his family abroad, the request will be turned down.

The problem is especially acute, Abram said, because, since only 1,200 requests a year are accepted, the waiting list is years' long.

The severity of this rule has been mitigated over the past year or two by the army's policy of turning a blind eye to family members who come to visit and stay on illegally, Abram said.

However, a few weeks ago, this policy suddenly stopped.

In the past few weeks, he said, there have been cases of soldiers entering people's homes at night and telling the illegal family members they must leave at once. The army has also threatened to revoke work permits if

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illegal family members do not leave.

"This is a situation with no security justification," Abram said. He said it was not yet clear why this crackdown was suddenly occurring, but said there was no indication that it was a high-level decision.

"My impression is that it's simply bureaucratic squareness," he said.

ACRI's chairman, Prof. Edna Margalit, noted that ACRI's work in the territories — which used to constitute about one-third of its total activity — has fallen off in the past year.

"Although the number of complaints has not fallen dramatically, the establishment of the Palestinian Authority has significantly reduced ACRI's ability to address infringements of human rights by the Israeli authorities," a summary of the report explained.

Overall, Margalit said, the human rights situation has improved slightly since last year's conference, when then-chairman Prof. Ruth Gavison defined Israel as about at the median for Western countries.

"However, we still aren't at the top," Margalit said — and will not be until the problem of discrimination against Arab citizens has

been solved.

The peace process, she added, has not helped much in this respect. "But it's not to be expected that the peace process would do so in and of itself," she said.

However, Margalit continued, the Basic Laws are making a difference, and are encouraging other legislation in their wake.

For instance, she noted, a bill to ban employment discrimination because of race, religion, nationality or age recently passed its first reading in the Knesset.

According to association director-general Amos Gil, Israel is virtually the only Western country which does not yet have such legislation.

Court asked to ban shaking of security prisoners

THE General Security Service should not be allowed to shake people during interrogations, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) demanded in a petition to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The petition also asked for an interim injunction against the use of shaking, on the grounds that shaking any additional prisoners may cause irreversible damage.

The petition was filed due to the death of Abdel Samed Harizat as a result of shaking by a GSS

investigator.

It argued that, since shaking has now been proven capable of causing death, it should be immediately banned.

Harizat's death was not an exceptional event, ACRI stressed: The pathological report noted that the phenomenon of death by shaking is known in the medical literature, which means it is likely to recur.

An independent opinion obtained by ACRI from Dr. Robert Kirschner, of the University of

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Chicago's forensic medicine department, stated this clearly, the petition said.

"It is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty that interrogation by shaking poses a grave risk of severe and permanent cerebral injury, including death, to those subjected to such trauma," Kirschner wrote.

The petition noted that accord-

ing to the pathological report, shaking someone by the shirtfront appears to be permitted to the GSS, whereas shaking by the shoulders is not.

However, ACRI said, the report itself admits that even shaking by the shirtfront can cause damage, so this method should be outlawed as well.

The petition added that Harizat's death should not have come as a total surprise, because other prisoners have passed out while being shaken — a sure sign the

brain is being affected.

This, ACRI said, should have made the state ban shaking long ago.

The petition also argued that allowing the GSS to shake prisoners violates the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, which forbids bodily harm and various sections of the penal code which do the same.

It is also a violation of the international treaty against torture to which Israel is a signatory, the petition said.



Newly elected Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, leading a delegation of appeals funds leaders, visits yesterday with a victim of last weekend's Katyusha attack in the North.

Agency delegation visits Western Galilee

DAVID RUDGE

A TOP-LEVEL delegation of Jewish Agency and appeal funds' leaders visited the Western Galilee yesterday to show solidarity with residents after last Friday's Katyusha rocket attack on the region.

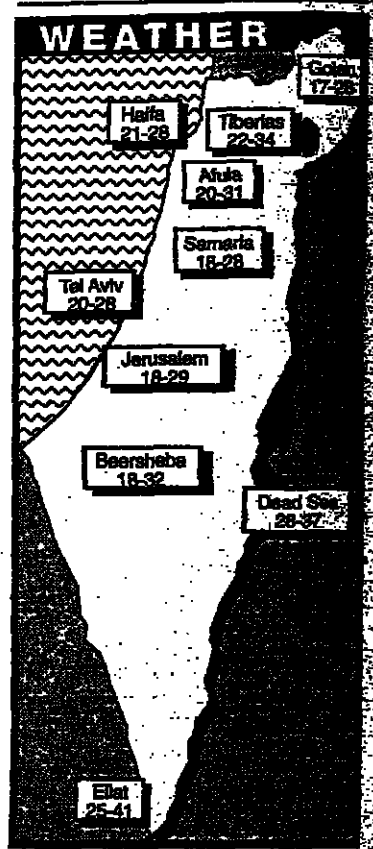
Chairmen and senior officials of United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod and United Jewish Appeal, led by Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, met with victims of the rocket attack who are still being treated for their injuries in Nahariya Government Hospital.

They also visited the vacation resort that was hit and later met with local residents, as well as mayors and local authority leaders.

The delegates pledged to give whatever assistance they could to the region.

Burg noted that the agency was investing mainly in three areas to which it was giving priority — Jerusalem, the Negev and the Galilee.

"We are not investing or carrying out any operations, certainly not in terms of new investments, in virtually any other areas. I'm sure visits of this kind gives our leadership food for thought and all those who have been so kind to us throughout the day won't have cause to regret those thoughts," Burg told reporters.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Slight drop in temperatures.

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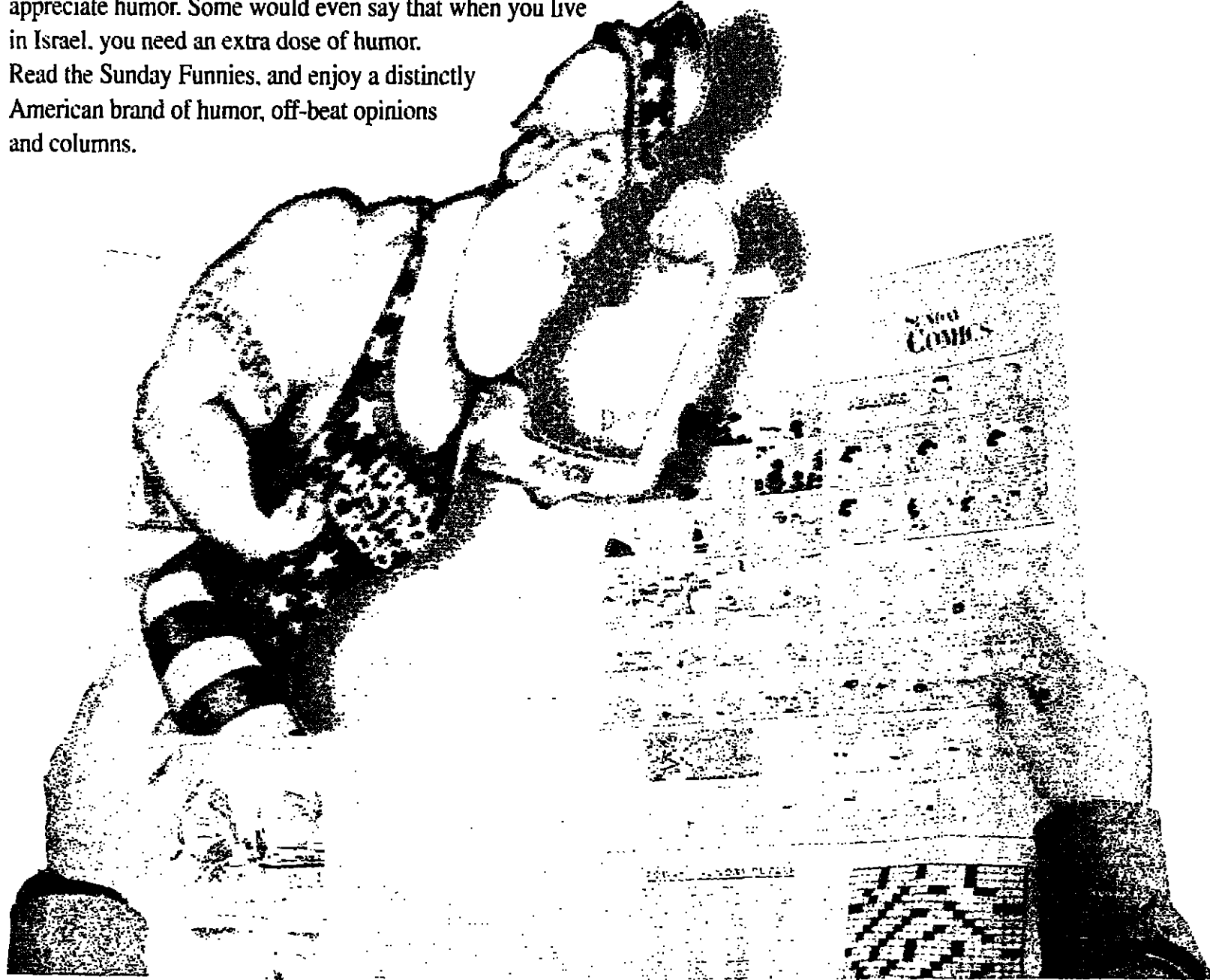
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